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1. DESPITE EXPLANATION PROVIDED REF. B, DIPLOMATIC
NOTE RECEIVED FROM GOP AND QUOTED BELOW INDICATED
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ASEAN STILL VIEWS ASIA SOCIETY MEETING AS SIMILAR TO THE ASIAN/EEC
RECENTLY HELD IN BRUSSELS. AMBASSADOR MANALO, ASEAN SECRETARIAT,
DFA, HAS ASKED FOR WRITTEN REPLY TO DFA'S NOTE. GOP
NOTE AND OUR INTENDED REPLY, WHICH DRAWS HEAVILY ON
REF. B, ARE QUOTED IN FULL BELOW. EMBASSY INTENDS
TO SEND REPLY CITED BELOW TO DFA ON JUNE 22 IF NO
OBJECTIONS ARE RECEIVED FROM WASHINGTON.

2. JUNE 14, 1977, NOTE FROM DFA READS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE. THE PHILIPPINES, THROUGH THE PHILIPPINE MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS IN NEW YORK, RECEIVED AN INVITATION FROM THE ASIA SOCIETY FOR A SEMINAR ON ASEAN

PROPOSED TO TAKE PLACE 5-6 OCTOBER WITH AN ANTICIPATED AUDIENCE OF 150 SENIOR CORPORATE EXECUTIVES DRAWN FROM COMMERCE, BANKING AND INDUSTRY. THE PROPOSED TOPIC IS "ASEAN -- WHAT DOES IT IMPLY FOR AMERICAN BUSINESS AND INVESTMENT."

AS THE COORDINATOR OF ASEAN-U.S. CONSULTATIONS, I WISH TO INFORM YOU THAT IT IS THE POLICY OF ASEAN NOT TO DEAL DIRECTLY WITH PRIVATE ENTITIES OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. SINCE ASEAN IS A GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION OF FIVE MEMBER COUNTRIES, ASEAN CARRIES ON ITS TOTAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE DEVELOPED WORLD ON A STATE-TO-STATE BASIS. SUCH WAS THE PROCEDURE FOLLOWED IN THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED SEMINAR OF ASEAN-EEC-EBIC IN BRUSSELS.

I THEREFORE SUGGESTED THAT ASIA SOCIETY COURSE ITS OFFER FOR THIS ASEAN SEMINAR THROUGH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND FOR THE LATTER, IF IT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WISHES TO DO SO, TO FORMALLY PRESENT THIS OFFER IN THE FORTHCOMING ASEAN-U.S. CONSULTATIONS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE IN MANILA IN SEPTEMBER. END QUOTE.

3. EMBASSY INTENDS TO REPLY AS FOLLOWS (DIPLOMATIC FORMULAS OMITTED): QUOTE. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN INFORMED BY THE ASIA SOCIETY, A PRIVATE FOUNDATION WITH THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF DISSEMINATING INFORMATION AND KNOWLEDGE ON ASIA TO THE UNITED STATES PUBLIC, THAT THE SEMINAR DISCUSSED IN YOUR NOTE OF JUNE 14 IS DIFFERENT IN NATURE AND PURPOSE FROM THE SEMINAR OF ASEAN-EEC-EBIC RECENTLY HELD IN BRUSSELS. THE ASIA SOCIETY SEMINAR IS MEANT TO BETTER INFORM THE AMERICAN BUSINESS COMMUNITY ABOUT ASEAN, ITS AIMS, ECONOMIC POTENTIAL AND ORGANIZATION. ORGANIZATION FOR THE MEETING IS JUST GETTING UNDER WAY, BUT THE INTENTION IS TO INVITE UP TO A DOZEN KNOWLEDGEABLE PANELISTS FROM THE RANKS OF ASEAN EXPERTS IN ACADEMIA AND GOVERNMENT. ASIA SOCIETY OFFICIALS EXPECT GOOD PARTICIPATION FROM UNITED STATES BUSINESS CORPORATION LEADERS INTERESTED IN THE REGION.

ASIA SOCIETY OFFICIALS HAVE INFORMED THE U.S. GOVERNMENT THAT DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES OF ASEAN HAVE BEEN APPROACHED AND ASKED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING. THERE IS NO IMPLIATION THAT ASEAN OR MEMBER STATES SHOULD SEND SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVES TO NEW YORK FOR THIS PURPOSE, BUT RATHER THAT THE MEETING BENEFIT FROM THE PRESENCE IN THE UNITED STATES AT THAT TIME OF HIGH LEVEL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ATTENDING THE IBRD/IMF ANNUAL MEETING AND THE OPENING OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY. THE ASIA SOCIET HAS NETIEHR ASKED FOR NOR REQUIRES US GOVERNMENT APPROVAL FOR THE MEETING. WHILE ASEAN REPRESENTATION WOULD CERTAINLY BE DESIRABLE, THIS MATTER IS LEFT TO THE DECISION OF MEMBER GOVERNMENTS. END QUOTE.
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